

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on January 20, 2011.

Claims 26-41 are currently pending in this application, with claims 26 and 35 being independent.

Support for the claims may be found variously throughout the specification.

No new matter has been added.

Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim rejections

i. The rejected claims have been canceled.

While not conceding the propriety of the claim rejections and in order to advance the prosecution of the instant application, this amendment includes the cancellation of the rejected claims.

Withdrawal of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim rejections

ii. Claims 26-41 are allowed.

Appreciation is expressed for the allowance of claims 26-14.

Official Notice, if any

There is no concession as to the veracity of Official Notice, if taken in any Office Action.

An affidavit or document should be provided in support of any Official Notice taken. 37 C.F.R. §1.104(d)(2), M.P.E.P. §2144.03. See also, *Ex parte Natale*, 11 USPQ2d 1222, 1227-1228 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989)(failure to provide any objective evidence to support the challenged use of Official Notice constitutes clear and reversible error).

Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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